

writing magnet and an optical scanning device, for
overwriting information or data recorded on a magneto-
optical recording medium;

5 a first optical scanning device connected to a
writing magnet for recording data on the magneto-optical
recording medium;

an erasing magnet having a magnetic field which is
directed opposite to the magnet of the writing device and
having a field strength sufficient for initializing the
10 magneto-optical recording medium without the assistance
of a laser; and

a second optical scanning device for reproducing
information or data stored on the magneto-optical
recording medium, the first and second optical scanning
15 devices simultaneously recording and reproducing
information or data.

REMARKS

20 Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are pending. A set of formal
drawings is submitted herewith.

Responsive to the objection to Claim 5, Applicant
has canceled Claim 5.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 4 would be
allowable if rewritten in independent form including all
25 of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening
claims. In response, Applicant has canceled Claim 4 and
amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of canceled
Claim 4. Applicant submits that amended Claim 1, and the
claims that depend therefrom, is now allowable over the
30 cited prior art references.

The Examiner has indicated that the prior art of
record fails to teach or suggest means of a magneto-
optical recording or reproducing device having an erasing
magnet having a field strength sufficient to initialize a
35 magneto-optical recording medium with the assistance of a
laser beam. Claim 10 has been amended to include this
feature, and as such, Applicant submits that amended
Claim 10 is now allowable over the cited prior art
references.